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Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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A Message From Club President Alan James

This month, the club will hold its' annual benefit auction. As a major fund raiser for the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club, this is one night you don't want to miss!

Here is just a short list of suggestions which might make you auction experience more rewarding:

1. Bring as many good donation items to the auction as you can (great way to clean up a storage area). No junk please.
2. Bring lots of cash (small bills will make everything move more quickly).
3. Follow the instructions of the auctioneer carefully.
4. Be the first bidder if possible (this might scare off some of the completion)(maybe not??).
5. Be prepared to spend more money than you planned on (this might be hard to prepare for I guess).
6. Most importantly, have fun. That's what it's all about.



This month on September 22nd, we will have a night time beach hunt. The hunt will be held at Sun Splash Park in Daytona Beach. The start time and cost will be announced at the meeting.

UP COMING EVENT NOTE:

In October, we are planning for a very busy event schedule. In addition to the already scheduled Annual Picnic Hunt on October 20th, we will be holding another hunt the following week on October 27th.

Details of this second October hunt will not be released until the last minute; however I can tell you that we will be hunting a site which has had lots of activity for the past 100 years or so. This private land has been made available to our club as a **MEMBERS ONLY HUNT**. So if you are not yet a member, now might be the time join.

You might start thinking about upcoming club elections. If you or someone you know would like to become a club officer, please let one of us know.

See you at the next meeting! - Alan

Come And Join Us!!!

We meet the second Friday of every month.

Meeting Place: Sanford Garden Club

200 Fairmont Ave.

Sanford, FL 32773

Meeting Date: Friday, September 14, 2012

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

The Sanford Garden Club is located 2 blocks south of Lake Mary Blvd. on the east side of SR 17-92. For information, contact Bill Shackelford at (407) 323-3401 or Alan James at (386) 717-5775.

Some members will eat at Colorado's Steak Place prior to the meeting. It is one block north of our meeting place. You can just park at the Sanford Garden Club and walk on over!

Other members will eat at the Ichigo Ichie Buffet prior to the meeting. It is located at 3611 South Orlando Drive (SR 17-92) at the Walmart shopping center located on the west side of the 417.

We eat at 5:30. If you would like to join us, we would be happy to see you! Don't forget, it's BYOM!

Club Officers

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Treasurer:	Chuck Hosbein
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Club Volunteers

Finds Of The Month Tables:	Rob Loucks
Webmaster:	Jerry Hitson
Half & Half:	George & Bea Case
Raffles:	Betty Shackelford & Janice James
Photographers:	Ralph Flippo, Jerry Hitson, Rob Loucks, Lorrie Sprigg



From The Editor's Desk...

By Scott Jackson, CFMDC Newsletter Editor

Ok, I am done with Summer. Technically, Fall starts Saturday, September 22, but I'm not going to wait. I am officially declaring an end to the heat, humidity, and foul weather(subject to the whims of Mother Nature, of course)! As of this moment, I am in an "Autumn" frame of mind and I am looking forward to treasure hunting more.

I always enjoy calculating the points for the Find Tables every month, especially at this time of the year. The point tallies are getting really impressive and the number of members who are contributing is a pleasure to see (43 so far!). This year, there is some serious competition for the top spots on our list. Not a lot of movement this past month, but with the August heat, I figured our members might be slowing down a bit.

I'm still shopping around for my next land detector. All I want is machine with incredible depth, an accurate TID of up to a foot, long battery life, weighing less than three pounds, and can discriminate between gold and foil. Is that asking too much?



A Message From Lorrie!

By Lorrie Sprigg, CFMDC Activities Director

Hi Folks. The annual auction will be this Friday on the 14th our meeting night.

Everyone will be given a number of which to bid by. Please bring at least \$20.00 in one dollar bills. This makes it easier for Chuck to disperse change when needed. I know all of us have many things hanging around the house you would like to donate. Anything will be greatly appreciated. Guest are welcome! The more the merrier!

***If you have something of value that might sell for less than expected
"PLEASE DON'T BRING IT!"***

Come ready to bid and take home a treasure!!! Any questions please call me at 407-834-4089.



CFMDC Meeting Minutes For August, 2012

By Debra Green, CFMDC Secretary

The August meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:30pm by club president, Alan James. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Green.

Secretary Report – Debra Green. Request for comments from any members who read the July minutes and have changes/deletions to the published July minutes. No changes were requested from the floor, and the minutes for the month of July were accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Hosbein. Read and accepted

Club Member August Birthdays and Anniversaries - Bill Shackelford.

First Time Guests – Alan James. Three guests were called to the front of the room, welcomed to their first CFMDC meeting and received a dollar coin for attending.

New Members – Alan James. We would like to welcome three new members to the club: Bruce Sherard, Sharon Sherard and Michael Rainone.

Community Special Award – Alan James. Ray Walker – Thank you plaque from the club to Kellyco for their donation of *Ace 150* metal detectors for the Camp Challenge events.

Guest Speaker – Ray Walker. A new forum has been created at Kellyco. Please consider joining: forum.kellyco.com. There is a mobile version for smart phones that will be available before the end of December 2012. Kellyco will send specials once a month, and quarterly a text message will be sent out. MineLab has a new product and I have brought some brochures for the *Pro-Find*.

Club Special Awards – Alan James and Bill Shackelford.

Jerry Hitson – Found and returned a ring

Steve Meeks – Found and returned body piercing jewelry

Brent Pethorick – Jewelry search request from the community

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Christine Merriam – Completion of Level II Challenge

Alan James – Completion of Expert Challenge, Level IV

Reminders – Alan James. Just a reminder, we have a library table of publications and periodicals for you to check out with Janice. We have several drawings for you to buy tickets for a chance to win. The raffle for the metal detector will be at the December meeting, so get a ticket for a chance to win (you

must be present to win). We have some metal detectors for sale at the back of the room. Check them out during the break.

Break – Alan James. Let's vote for your favorite finds and take a break.

Community Request – Christine Merriam. A raffle is currently open for the family of a corrections officer who recently died of cancer. If anyone is interested, I have some tickets for you to purchase.

Charity Request – Richard Gill. We have handouts for a charity request for Breast Cancer, the *Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk for the Cure*. The walk will be 60 miles in the Tampa area from October 26 to 28. Anyone interested in sponsoring our runner can mail in the form, or go to the website to contribute.

Future Functions – Lorrie Sprigg.

- Our September club meeting will include the auction. We will have a professional auctioneer this year. For those who plan to participate in the auction, please bring 20 one dollar bills to help with the payments and making change. This auction is for usable non-clothing items.
- October meeting will be the annual costume party and the theme for this year is "The Roaring Twenties".

Raffles - Bill Shackelford.

Silver Raffle

Half & Half – Don Fitzgerald won \$54.00. Congratulations Don!

Nametag – No winner. (The member drawn was not present at the meeting.)

Finds Awards for June – Rob Loucks and Bill Green

Meeting closed by Alan James.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Divers off the coast of Tonga (a South Pacific island nation 500 miles north of New Zealand) have found what they suspect is an old pirate's ship with a history straight out of *Treasure Island*. The *Port-au-Prince* was built by the French, captured by British privateers (read: pirates) in 1805, and then met its end at the hands of Tongan warriors in 1806. Nearly every member of its crew was slaughtered. If that's not enough, it's rumored that the Tongan king ordered the ship to be sunk...though it was laden with gold, silver candlesticks, chalices, crucifixes, and other booty.

Divers have yet to determine that the wreck is indeed the *Port-au-Prince*. But they say if it is the ship, then it's highly likely the treasure is still on board. That might be all that's there, though—Darren Rice, one of the two divers to visit the site, says there's not much of the ship itself left, after being "pounded by (13- to 16.5-foot) swells for 200 years." If it's not the ship in question, don't fret—it's still a fascinating mystery. As Rice asks, "Only one ship of that era has ever gone missing in Ha'apai, so if it's not the *Port-au-Prince*, what is it?" *From: Liam Carnahan at Newser, Posted August 9, 2012*



NEWS AND NOTES



Precious Metal Median Prices Per Ounce for August, 2012:

Silver: \$29.25

Gold: \$1640

Platinum: \$1600

A night time beach hunt for club members is set for Saturday, September 22 at Sunsplash Park on Daytona Beach. The entry fee is \$5.00. The time will be announced at the meeting.

The Annual Club Auction is scheduled for our September meeting. So bring in a few items in good condition for the sale! Metal detecting related items are especially appreciated!!

Our theme for this years costume party (October meeting) is the "Roaring Twenties". Laurie will be giving more details soon.

DIDJA KNOW??? Last time we talked about "Karats" as used in gold jewelry. Now let's talk about "Carats" as a measurement of gemstones and pearls. It is a unit of mass where 1 Carat equals 200 mg. Each Carat is divisible into 100 points of 2 milligrams each. Remember, different gems have different densities, so a 1 Carat diamond and a 1 Carat amethyst will not have the same size, but they will have the same weight.

Have a metal detecting news, note, or milestone? Send it in to afab67@hotmail.com!

FINDS TABLES POINT STANDINGS FOR AUGUST, 2012

Name	Points	Name	Points
1. Bill Green	136	23. Deborah Prouck	12
2. Steve Meeks	106	24. Kim Lytle	11
3. Jim Burdick	80	25. Diana Swaney	11
4. Gene Jenkins	76	26. John Ayers	10
5. George Case	73	27. Jim Fielding	10
6. Hurley Gashaw	71	28. Roland Davis	9
7. Ralph Flippo	64	29. Sally Korns	8
8. Brent Petherick	58	30. Don Fitzgerald	7
9. Carrie Gashaw	56	31. Brian Comer	6
10. Nanette Burdick	53	32. Carol Taylor	6
11. Christine Merriam	44	33. George Aylsworth	4
12. Dave Gascoyne	42	34. Bill Bergdoll	4
13. Lonnie Lytle	42	35. Linda Fitzgerald	4
14. Jim Tippit	41	36. Richard Harris	4
15. Eric Lamoray	39	37. Jerry Sprigg	4
16. Shirley DeVary	36	38. Rob Loucks	3
17. Jerry Hitson	30	39. Elliot Schumacher	3
18. Scott Jackson	27	40. Tony Krapil	1
19. Chuck Hosbein	24	41. Jason Pfeiffer	1
20. Lorrie Sprigg	21	42. Frank Rothery	1
21. Melody Parks	18	43. Paul Swaney	1
22. Doug Prouck	13		

Each 1st place entry gets 4 points.

Each 2nd place entry gets 3 points.

Each 3rd place entry gets 2 points.

All other entries on the Finds Tables get 1 point just for entering!

Monthly Finds Table Winners For August, 2012

Single Coin

1 st	Lonnie Lytle	8 Reale Atacha Fleet (1715) Silver
2 nd	Ralph Flippo	1851 Three Cent (Silver)
3 rd	Jim Tippit	1945 Walker Half



Group Coins

1st	Bill Green	1380 Pennies, 216 Quarters, 225 Dimes, 155 Nickels, love token, etc.
2nd	Brent Pethorick	115 Quarters, 114 Dimes, 63 Nickels, 317 Pennies, etc.
3 rd	Christine Merriam	88 Quarters, 167 Dimes, 33 Nickels & 608 Pennies



Single Jewelry

1 st	Jerry Hitson	3 oz Silver chain, Italy .925
2 nd	Bill Green	Silver Ring / 3 Garnets / 4 white stones
3 rd	Carrie Gashaw	Bahia Shriners Gold Pen



Group Jewelry

1 st	Steve Meeks	Assorted Items
2 nd	Bill Green	14 rings, 2 boy scout pins, ear rings, etc.
3 rd	Lonnie Lytle	Gold & Silver rings, some junk



Single Artifact

1 st	Hurley Gashaw	13" homemade Bowie knife
2 nd	Carrie Gashaw	1930 Kentucky Driver Badge
3 rd	Gene Jenkins	Large Cast Iron Cat



Group Artifact

1 st	Steve Meeks	World War One Buttons
2 nd	Bill Green	2 Brass Royal Coach Plates, 3 keys, etc.
3 rd	Christine Merriam	Cap Gun, Safety Razor, Rusty Lock, RR Spike



Single Odds & Ends

1 st	Steve Meeks	Vintage Chrysler Emblem 1940-1945
2 nd	Jim Tippit	10k Gold Filled Glasses
3 rd	Carrie Gashaw	Old Timers Knife



Group Odds & Ends

1 st	Brent Pethorick	Pottery Bowls of different sizes, Hindu Statues, etc.
2 nd	Steve Meeks	Assorted Items
3 rd	George Case	Keys, Cars, & Stuff!

